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Witch School contract broken, earnest money to be returned

A contract to purchase the former Grant Township building for a witch school has been broken, according to an area newspaper.

The News-Gazette reported on Thursday that the Rev. Ed Lewis, CEO of Telepathic Media, Inc., and his partner, the Rev. Don Lewis, were released from their contract to purchase the building, at 200 E. Penn after a purchase agreement expired.

Arlen Alwardt and real estate agent Larry Tobeck own the building.

The article quoted Hubbard as saying he still wanted the building and to have a location in Hoopeston

but that pressure from residents and other activities made opening a school in Hoopeston a waste of Hubbard's time. He added that in letting the contract expire, he lost earnest money put on the building, money that some residents said would be repaid if the school did not open.

One of the ministers who agreed to repay the money said the \$1,000 Hubbard quoted as having put down will be repaid.

"There was a group of us that was willing to raise the \$1,000," said Pastor Steve Nelson of the First Baptist Church of Hoopeston. "If Tim (Kovalcik, pastor of the East Lynn United Methodist Church) said it and I agreed to it, we'll do it. We will be honest in our word and raise the \$1,000. If we made a promise, we're not going to go back on it."

Hubbard announced on July 1 that he would not open the school after he met with area residents who opposed the school. "I've never faced this level of religious opposition in my life," he said during the meeting. In a statement written later, Hubbard was quoted as fearing for the safety of WitchSchool staff and students if the school opened in Hoopeston.

However, Hubbard apparently did not file a

**Member of Wiccan tradition
still set to speak to Watch group**

News that WitchSchool will not be opening in Hoopeston will not change the agenda for the August Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger said Thursday that the Rev. Ruth Ann Amarteifio is still expected to speak at the Aug. 4 meeting as a way of letting the community learn more about the religion.

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Police News



Sheila M. King, 73, of 129 N. 2900 East Rd., Hoopeston, was ticketed for leaving the scene of a vehicle damage accident at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Police said King, in a 1990 VW Jetta, struck a 1993 International driven by George W. Cox of Ross-ville, while the truck was stopped at 1022 W. Penn.

King then left the scene and was stopped by an officer on his way to investigate the accident, according to police.

King was released on her driver's license.

The owner of a 1994 Mercury reported stolen Tuesday reported Wednesday that the car was found at Carpenter's Wrecker Service in Danville. The car had been abandoned in Danville.

Rita A. King, 51, of #32 Parkview Court, turned herself in to police at 11:12 a.m. Wednesday. King, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear, rule to show cause, was released on \$732 cash bond.

Briefly

School schedules auction

The Hoopeston Area School District will offer surplus items for sale at an auction beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at the southeast corner of the high school.

Excess wood shop and home economics equipment, along with various desks, cafeteria tables, and Pentium I computers will be sold. Most of the computers work but some are being sold for parts.

Equipment can be seen from 8 a.m.-noon Friday. No bids will be accepted at this time.

Jim Klaber will be the auctioneer.

Trash Walkers

Trash Walkers, a weekly volunteer clean-up group, will meet from 9 -10 a.m. Saturday behind Read Chevrolet to pick up trash in the area. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is welcome.

Fall Soccer Registration

Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer will be conducting the Fall 2003 Registration on July 12 and 19 from 9 a.m.-noon and July 13 and 20 from 1-3 p.m., all at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

The program is for children from age 4 through age 13 by Aug. 1 (unless they are age 14 and in junior high school). These are the only registration dates.

The registration fee is \$45.00 per child if registered by July 27, 2003.

For more information please call 283-7363.

Youth football/cheerleading signup

Hoopeston Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold signups on Saturdays, July 12 and 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sundays, July 13 and 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the football field.

The program is open to children ages 5-14. First year players must bring birth certificates.

For more information, call (217) 283-7883

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 82. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 85, low 62. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 85, low 62.

For current weather conditions, **(217) 283-6221**.

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Apartment over garage at 327½ E. Young, Hoopeston. \$300/mo. plus deposit. Call after 2:30 p.m., (217) 283-7887.

AUCTIONS

Auction - Pearl Lind Est., 706 E. Penn, Hoopeston. Sat., July 12, 11 a.m. A 90-year collection of furniture, appliances, household items, antiques, collectibles, lawn & outdoor equip., misc. Far too much to list. Also, 1996 Mercury Grand Marquis w/26,850 mil & 1997 Ford F150 XLT truck w/25,618 mi., both like new. Bill DeWitt, CPA IL #040000372. Info? (217) 283-7161

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918 W. Penn. (in back) Hoopeston. Sat., July 12, 8-1. Like-new brand name winter coats, shoes, clothes, lawn chair, lamp, kitchen table, misc.

501 W. Penn, Hoopeston. Sat., July 12, 8-? Clothes, dishes, knickknacks, misc.

Bismarck Community Rummage Sale - July 12, 2003. 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Food & maps available at Fire Station. Sponsored by Bismarck Lucky Clovers 4-H Club. For information, call (217) 759-7320.

630 W. Washington, Hoopeston. Sat., July 12, 8-? Lots of very nice infant/toddler, girl clothing, baby items, junior/misses name brand clothing, lots of misc.

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